[Some of the points in your representation have been dealt with in a previous reply. An investigation will be conducted about the utilisation of the water from Kiliyan Fall. A committee reported on the disafforestation of swampy areas from the reserves in the taluks. Some lands have accordingly been disafforested and registered from the reserves in the Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and Kunnatnad taluks and the assignment of the other swamps excluded from the reserves will be expedited. The transfer of the toll gate will be enquired into and considered. The dispensary at Kuruppanpadi was abolished only recently. A further report will be called for in the light of what you say about the prevalence of malaria.]

135. Needs of the Parur Taluk.

MR. A. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Parur taluk*), speaking in Malayalam, thanked the President for having adjourned the Assembly, on the request of its members, for an hour in honour of the settlement come to between His Excellency the Viceroy and Mr. Gandhi in regard to the political agitation in British India. He also thanked the Government for having changed the *kist* months in the Kottayam Division in pursuance of the suggestions made by the members of the 25th and 26th sessions of the Assembly.

There were innumerable subjects which were represented by the members for the Parur taluk in previous sessions of the Assembly, on which final orders had not yet been passed by the Government. More matters should be taken up and decided without delay.

The Parur taluk, which had a very large population, should be divided into two groups to enable two members being returned to the Assembly. That should be done even before the question of the reform of the Assembly was decided on.

The taxation in kind in vogue in the Edapally Edavaka should be abolished. Government paid no attention whatever to the medical, agricultural and other needs of the Edapally Edavaka. A special Officer of the status of a Dewan Peishkar, preferably Mr. R. Krishna Pillai, should be deputed to make enquiries into the grievances of the people of the Edavaka and to prescribe remedies. If that could not be done, a committee consisting of representatives of the Government and of the *Swaroopam*, a member of the Legislative Council and a member of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, belonging to the Edavaka, should be appointed to conduct the investigation. If that too were impracticable, Regulation IV of 1068, the Press Regulation and other laws operating harshly on the people should be withdrawn from the Edavaka.

Many of the lanes and irrigation canals of Edapalli were encroached upon by the owners of adjacent lands. A special staff should be appointed to conduct a *poramboke* survey in the Edavaka and steps should be taken to evict the occupants of *poramboke* lanes and irrigation canals.

There was necessity for a *satram* at Parur as travellers and visitors to the town found it very difficult to get lodgings. The abandoned sub-jail building could very well be used as a *satram*.

There was no Vernacular High School in North Travancore. The Vernacular Middle School at Edapalli should be converted into a Vernacular High School. The building of the above school was very old and was expected to collapse at any moment. The building should be dismantled and a new one put up on the site without further delay.

It was surprising that the Government did not consider it fit to open a Vernacular Training School in North Travancore. Such a school should be established either at Parur or at Alwaye.

The new building of the Parur Vernacular Middle School, for which funds were provided in the budget of thePublic Works Department for 1106, should be constructed on a more convenient site. The building of the Primary School at Eloor should be reconstructed.

The Puthenchira Primary School was situated in an uninhabited area. It should be shifted to the building erected by the people at Thekkummuri.

Puthenchira was the northernmost extremity of the Parur taluk. As the distance between that area and the Parur town was 16 miles, the people living there experienced serious difficulties in sending their children to schools for English education. An English Middle School should be opened at Puthenchira.

Orders should be issued for copies of applications from poor pupils for fee concessions being sent, for enquiry and remarks, to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly member for the taluk in which the pupils resided. According to the existing arrangement, the applications were sent only to the Tahsildar of the taluk.

A dispensary should be opened immediately at Edapally in accordance with the assurances given by the Inspecting Medical Officer and at the Budget Session of the Legislative Council in 1105.

A Sub-Registry Office should be opened at Edapally. That could be done without any additional expenditure by transferring to that place one of the three Sub-Registry Offices of the Parur taluk.

A Munsiff's Court should be established at Alwaye and, pending the establishment of the Court, Edapalli should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Parur Munsiff's Court. A Village Panchayat Court should be established at Edapalli or the jurisdiction of the Alwaye Village Panchayat Court should be extended to Edapalli. Edapalli should also be included within the jurisdiction of the Parur Magistrate's Court. The Eroor and Majummel *karas* of Varapuzha *pakuthi* should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Edapalli Police Station.

The Gambling Regulation should be enforced in Edapalli.

As the prices of the produce of the cocoanut tree had fallen considerably of late, the export duty on copra, coir, cocoanuts, cocoanut oil, etc., should be reduced.

The largest number of liquor shops was in the Parur taluk. The number should be reduced by 35 per cent. and the number of trees tapped for toddy should be reduced by 25 per cent.

Cattle, which were so essential for the well-being of the ryots, were exported from the country from time to time. As a measure of protection against the evil, a duty should be levied on live-stock exported from the Parur taluk.

The duty on tobacco should be reduced in order to prevent the smuggling of tobacco into the state from Cochin, where the rate of duty on the article was lower, and to make tobacco available in Parur at the same price as in Cochin.

The Forest Depot at Elanthikara should be shifted to Parur.

Edapalli should be made a conservancy station. A sufficient number of wells and tanks should be sunk in Puthenchira to remedy the scarcity of water at the place.

An industrial school should be established at Parur and a sugar factory at Kottapuram. A branch of the State-Aided Bank should be opened either at Alwaye or at Parur

A veterinary dispensary should be established at Edapalli.

A portion of the annual allotments for agricultural loans should be earmarked for issue to the ryots of the Parur taluk. The rate of interest on the loans should be reduced to the Savings Bank rate.

The following roads should be opened as early as possible :—

(i) the road from the 8th mile, 4th furlong, of the Edapalli—Alwaye road to Arakkal *kadavu* ;

(ii) the Parur—Kuriyapalli road ;

(iii) the Ankamali—Parur road ;

(iv) the Parur—Chakkarakadavu road ;

(v) the Puthenvelikara—Turuthipuram-Ayirur road ;

(vi) a road from Varapuzha Eloor to Kottapuram *via* Pananjikulam and thence to Thadikkad *kadavu* ;

(vii) a road from the 5th mile-stone of Alwaye –Parur road to Ayiroor *pakuthi* Cutcherry ;

(viii) a road alongside Parur cutcherry *todu* to Kottuchirapadam ferry ;

(ix) a road from Puthenvelikara village road to Vattakattukunnu *via* Kuttadanpadam ;

(x) the Parur—Ottakadathu ferry road ; and

(xi) a road from the western side of Parur - Kottakavu church to Kuriyapalli.

The construction of the following roads should be completed early :—

(i) the Manjali-Thadikkal *kadavu* road ; and

(ii) the Edapalli—Moovattupuzha road.

The Edapalli—Parur road should be constructed and extended as far as the Edapalli-Perandur road. A road, half a mile long, should be constructed from Edapalli—Perandur road to meet the road from Kalur, constructed by the Cochin Government. The road from Parur Thattumkal should be extended southwards as far as Kottuvalli.

A road should be constructed from Chengamanad Koyikkal *kadavu* to Parakadavu.

The Parur—Chathanad road should be gravelled.

The Wada *todu* passing through Thekkumbhagom and Vadakkumbhagom *pakuthies* of Edapalli should be deepened and extended westwards. The Parur Pashni *todu* should be deepened. A canal should be constructed from Edamula *via* Pallathi *punja*.

A bridge should be constructed at each of the following places :—

(i) in Parambayathu *todu* on the Alwaye—Ankamali road;

(ii) at the Parur - Kottachirapadam ferry; and

(iii) at Ottakadathu ferry on the Parur—Chennamangalam road.

A bridge should be constructed at Alwaye.

The Angadi *paiam* on the Edapalli—Muvattupuzha road should be improved.

Ferry services should be established at Edapalli—Arakkal *kadavu* and at Edapalli—Chittoor *kadavu*.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ പൊതുവെ ഇടപ്പള്ളി ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യത്തെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞഭാഗം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ആലോചിക്കാം. നിങ്ങൾതന്നെ ഇതിനു മുമ്പു ഒരു മെമ്മോറിയൽ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. അതിനെപ്പറ്റിയും വേണ്ട വിചാരണചെയ്തു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കാം.

MEMBER: റവന്യൂകമ്മീഷണരേയൊ പേഷ്കാരേയൊ ഇതിലേക്കു ചുമതലപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അപേക്ഷ.

DEWAN: നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ ഭാഗങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയെല്ലാം ആലോചിക്കാം.

നിങ്ങൾ പ്രാദേശികാവശ്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി പറയുകയുണ്ടായി.

MEMBER: താലൂക്ക് രണ്ടുഗ്രൂപ്പാക്കാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് പറവൂർ താലൂക്കിന്റെ എല്ലാഭാഗത്തിലേയും ആവശ്യങ്ങളെ ഞാൻതന്നെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

DEWAN: താലൂക്കു രണ്ടുഗ്രൂപ്പാക്കുന്ന സംഗതിയും ഉടൻതന്നെ ആലോചിക്കാം.

റോഡുകൾ ചിലതു വെട്ടിവരുന്നു എന്നും ചിലതു തീർന്നില്ല എന്നും നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞു. വലിയതുക ആവശ്യമുള്ള ജോലികൾ നടക്കുന്നില്ലായിരിക്കാം. ഓരോ ആണ്ടിലും കുറേശ്ശേ കുറേശ്ശേ പണം ചിലവുചെയ്തു കാലക്രമംകൊണ്ട് അതൊക്കെതീർത്തുതരും.

MEMBER: വേലതുടങ്ങികഴിഞ്ഞാൽ പിന്നീട് ആ പണം ലാപ്സ്ചെയ്യുകയില്ല. അല്ലാത്തപക്ഷം ഞങ്ങൾക്കനുവദിച്ചപണം അടുത്തകൊല്ലത്തിൽ ലാപ്സായിപോകും.

• DEWAN: ബഡ്ജറിൽ പണം അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കും. അതിന്റെ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് സാംക്ഷണായി കാണുകയില്ല. അതിലേക്കു കുറെ താമസിക്കും.

നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞ മറ്റു സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി എല്ലാം ആലോചിക്കാം.

[What you said about the needs of Edapalli will be considered. The memorial on the subject said to have been given will also be considered. Your suggestion that the Land Revenue Commissioner or the Dewan Peishkar should be asked to enquire into the matter will also be considered. The question of two members being given to Parur will soon be taken up for consideration. Some of the roads are under construction. In regard to incomplete works, the work has to be spread over a number of years and only gradual progress will be possible. Funds provided in the budget may lapse because the estimates may not have been sanctioned. All the other points urged by you will receive consideration.]

136. Needs of the Parur Municipality.

MR. R. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Municipal Council, Parur*): expressed the gratitude of the Municipal Council and of the people of Parur to the Government of Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent for having carried out some improvements in the market tank and the Cutcherry *todu* and for having appointed a woman doctor in the Parur hospital. The member then represented the following further needs of the Parur Municipality.

A road should be opened from the main road to the Kottuchirapadom ferry along the eastern side of the Kunnathu *theruvu*. The people were willing to provide the necessary lands free of cost. The matter was moved in the previous session of the Assembly and it was referred to the Chief Engineer. But nothing more was done.

The following roads should be repaired and gravelled : –

(i) the road branching off from the main road and leading to the Ottakadathu ferry ;

(ii) the road from Parur *todu* to Kuriyapalli passing through Vadakkekara ; and

(iii) the Kuriapalli-Chathanad road.

The first-mentioned road was an important route between Parur and Chennamangalam. The latter place was the seat of Paliathachan, who was prepared to render material assistance towards the construction of a bridge at the ferry. The road, in its existing condition, was unsuiatble for traffic of any kind.

The road from the northern side of Pullumkulam to the Puthentheruvu road should be completed. About five years ago, the eastern end of the road was gravelled for a length of about a furlong. The gravelling should be completed and the annual maintenance of the road attended to ; otherwise, even the gravelled portion would become unfit for traffic.